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Letter dated 18 June 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 9 April 2001 (A/55/893-S/2001/343), I have the honour to draw your attention to new massive violations of the flight information region (FIR) of Nicosia and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded on 4, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 29 April as well as on 2, 4, 12, 14, 16 and 23 May 2001.

On 4 April, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas) before exiting towards a south-eastern direction. The aircraft returned later on the same day and entered once again the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 14 April, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic. The aircraft returned on the same day to the FIR of Ankara.

On 16 April, one C-650 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic. The aircraft returned on the same day to the FIR of Ankara.

On 16 April, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas) before exiting towards a south-eastern direction. The C-130 aircraft returned on the same day from the same direction and, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of

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Apostolos Andreas), violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 17 April, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic. The aircraft returned on 18 April to the FIR of Ankara.

On 18 April, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic. The aircraft returned on the same day to the FIR of Ankara.

On 19 April, six F-16 and two F-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) Two F-16 military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations, before exiting towards a western direction;

(b) Four F-16 and two F-4 military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the areas of Morphou, Kormakitis and Krini before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 20 April, one C-130 and one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic. The aircraft returned on the same day to the FIR of Ankara.

On 23 April, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 24 April, one B-200 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic. The aircraft returned on the same day to the FIR of Ankara.

On 25 April, six F-16 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) Four F-16 military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the western area of Paphos, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) Two F-16 military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations before exiting towards a western direction.

On 25 April, six F-16, two RF-4 and two F-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) Four F-16 military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the western area of Paphos before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) Two F-16 military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Paphos before exiting towards a western direction;

(c) Two RF-4s escorted by two F-4 military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the western area of Paphos and over the Cape of Apostolos Andreas before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 26 April, six F-16, two RF-4 and two F-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) A formation consisting of two F-16s and a formation consisting of two F-4s and two RF-4s violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the western area of Paphos and over the Cape of Apostolos Andreas before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) Four F-16 military aircraft, flying in two formations, entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations before exiting towards a western direction.

On 26 April, six F-16 Turkish military aircraft, patrolling in three formations, entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations before exiting towards a western direction and the FIR of Ankara.

On 29 April, 12 F-16s, one C-160, one C-130 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The CN-235 military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas) before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The C-160 and C-130 military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas) before exiting towards a south-eastern direction;

(c) The 12 F-16 military aircraft, flying in three formations, violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas) before exiting towards a south-eastern direction.

On 2 May, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas) before exiting towards a south-eastern direction. The C-160 aircraft returned later on the same day from the same direction.

On 4 May, 12 F-16s, one C-160, one C-130 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) Twelve F-16 military aircraft, flying in three formations and coming from a south-eastern direction, entered the Nicosia FIR violating international air-traffic

regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The C-160 and C-130 military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia before exiting towards a south-eastern direction. Both aircraft returned later on the same day from the same direction;

(c) The CN-235 military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR and, patrolling in a search-and-rescue mission, violated international air-traffic regulations before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 12 May, one AB-205 of the Turkish Air Force entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria before landing first at the illegal airport of Tymbou and then at the illegal airport of Krini, both in the occupied area of the Republic.

On 14 May, four F-16 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 16 May, one B-200 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic. The aircraft returned on the next day to the FIR of Ankara.

On 23 May, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas) before exiting towards a south-eastern direction. The C-160 aircraft returned later and again entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air-traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia before returning towards the FIR of Ankara.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I strongly protest the above actions, which violate international law as well as the Security Council resolutions on Cyprus, and call for their cessation. I would like to note that these violations are taking place at a time when the international community expects Turkey to reverse the decision taken in Ankara concerning the refusal of the Turkish Cypriot leader, Mr. R. Denktash, not to attend the next round of negotiations held under your auspices. The Government of Turkey should abide by the Charter of the United Nations and respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus and to contribute towards a just and viable solution to the Cyprus problem on the basis of United Nations resolutions.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 64, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Sotos **Zackheos**
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